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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 09/291,195)	Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: April 14, 1999)	Examiner: JAMES M HANNETT
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM,)	Confirmation No.: 1785
METHOD FOR FORMATTING)	
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND)	
PROGRAM PRODUCT)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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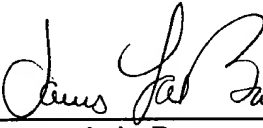
Sir:

The last sentence in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that the prior art does not teach the method of executing the program read out from the external recording medium while using a temporary task region in the external recording medium, "wherein the external recording medium is used to record image data." It is to be noted that claim 6 does not require the quoted portion of this statement. Accordingly, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed to limit the scope of the claims beyond that which is explicitly recited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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